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Materials During Photoresist  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to an office action mailed November 13, 2006 in the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows under the provision of 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a). Allowance of pending claims 1-21 in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10.